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This report contains the results from the **2008 June Agricultural, Rice Stocks, and Grain Stocks Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

NASS Produces First Ever June 1 Arkansas Rice Stocks Estimates
Cotton Acreage Down 19 Percent from 2007
Soybean Acreage Up 13 Percent

Corn: Planted area to corn for all purposes is estimated at 460,000, down 25 percent from the 2007 corn acreage. Farmers intend to harvest 450,000 acres for grain in the fall.

Cotton: Planted area to cotton is estimated at 700,000 acres, down 19 percent from the 2007 acreage. This is the smallest acreage planted since 1989. Farmers have planted an estimated 98 percent of the acreage to varieties developed using biotechnology.

Hay: All hay expected to be cut is forecast at 1.41 million acres, down 11 percent from 2007. Alfalfa hay for harvest is forecast at 20,000 acres, and all other hay for harvest is forecast at 1.39 million acres, unchanged and down 11 percent, respectively.

Rice: All rice plantings are estimated at 1.35 million acres, up 2 percent from 2007. Breakdowns by grain length are: long grain planted area up 5 percent from 2007 to 1.25 million acres, medium grain planted area down 31 percent to 100,000 acres, and short grain planted area is 1,000 acres, equal to 2007.

Sorghum: Sorghum plantings are estimated at 150,000 acres, down 33 percent from the 225,000 acres planted a year ago. Arkansas growers intend to harvest 140,000 acres of sorghum for grain this year.

Soybeans: Planted acres are estimated at 3.2 million, up 13 percent from the previous year. Farmers have planted an estimated 94 percent of the acreage to herbicide resistant varieties.

Winter Wheat: Planted area to winter wheat is estimated at 970,000 acres, 18 percent above 2007. Wheat acres intended to be harvested for grain this year are estimated at 880,000, up 26 percent from the 2007 harvest.

Area Planted and Harvested, Arkansas and U.S., 2007-2008

Crop	Area Planted			Area Harvested ¹		
	2007	2008	% Change from '07	2007	2008	% Change from '07
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Arkansas						
Corn	610	460	- 25	590	450	- 24
Cotton, Upland ²	860	700	- 19	850		
Hay, All ³			-	1,580	1,410	- 11
Alfalfa ³			-	20	20	-
Other ³			-	1,560	1,390	- 11
Rice, All	1,331	1,351	+ 2	1,325	1,345	+ 2
Long Grain	1,185	1,250	+ 5	1,180	1,245	+ 6
Medium Grain	145	100	- 31	144	99	- 31
Short Grain	1	1	-	1	1	-
Sorghum	225	150	- 33	215	140	- 35
Soybeans	2,830	3,200	+ 13	2,790	3,150	+ 13
Wheat, Winter	820	970	+ 18	700	880	+ 26
United States						
Corn	93,600	87,327	- 7	86,542	78,940	- 9
Cotton, Upland ²	10,535	9,044	- 14	10,201		
Hay, All ³			-	61,625	60,439	- 2
Alfalfa ³			-	21,670	20,778	- 4
Other ³			-	39,955	39,661	- 1
Rice, All	2,761	2,895	+ 5	2,748	2,879	+ 5
Long Grain	2,063	2,250	+ 9	2,052	2,237	+ 9
Medium Grain	632	579	- 8	630	576	- 9
Short Grain	66	66	-	66	66	-
Sorghum	7,718	7,271	- 6	6,805	6,405	- 6
Soybeans	63,631	74,533	+ 17	62,820	72,121	+ 15
Wheat, Winter	44,987	46,605	+ 4	35,952	40,252	+ 12

¹ Intended area for harvest in 2008 as indicated by reports from producers and historic trends.

² First estimate of area harvested to be released August 12, 2008, in the *Crop Production* report.

³ Area harvested only.

Rice Stocks by Position, Selected States and U.S., March 1 and June 1, 2008

Class & State	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Total Stocks, All Positions		% Change from March
	March 2008	June 2008	March 2008	June 2008	March 2008	June 2008	
Rough Rice	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>						
Arkansas	13,800	4,400	42,741	28,014	56,541	32,414	- 43
California	1,785	(D)	25,738	(D)	27,523	13,484	- 51
Louisiana	2,350	550	4,820	1,646	7,170	2,196	- 69
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,787	969	- 74
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,591	1,877	- 59
Texas	888	(D)	4,046	(D)	4,934	2,478	- 50
United States	22,923	6,095	81,623	47,323	104,546	53,418	- 49
Milled Rice	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>						
Arkansas	-	-	1,916	1,573	1,916	1,573	- 18
California	-	-	2,012	1,343	2,012	1,343	- 33
Louisiana	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	-	-	(D)	643	(D)	643	(D)
United States	-	-	5,604	4,373	5,604	4,373	- 22

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

(D) Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Grain and Soybean Stocks by Position, Arkansas and U.S., June 1, 2007-2008

Crop	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Total Stocks, All Positions		% Change from '07
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>						
Arkansas							
Corn	(D)	(D)	2,399	8,023	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats			(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sorghum	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Soybeans	(D)	(D)	12,813	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wheat, All	10	20	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States							
Corn	1,826,600	1,970,900	1,706,843	2,057,117	3,533,443	4,028,017	+ 14
Oats	18,400	16,100	32,198	50,704	50,598	66,804	+ 32
Sorghum	5,380	7,000	69,490	89,805	74,870	96,805	+ 29
Soybeans	500,000	226,600	592,185	449,491	1,092,185	676,091	- 38
Wheat, All	73,190	25,635	382,963	279,983	456,153	305,618	- 33

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

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